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**Washington D.C.** – Today, U.S. Congressman Duncan Hunter was named to three separate House Committees: Armed Services; Transportation & Infrastructure; and Education & Workforce, where Hunter will also serve as Chairman of the Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee.

“America faces immense challenges ahead and I’m honored to join my colleagues on the House Committees on Armed Services, Transportation & Infrastructure, and Education & Workforce, as we work to prepare and strengthen our nation for the future,” said Congressman Hunter. “These are all important assignments, with each committee focused on a unique set of challenges related to the American economy, global security and national infrastructure. And given that all of these issues are important to the San Diego community, I look forward to representing the region’s interests during committee action and floor debate.

“I’m particularly honored to be named Chairman of the House Education & Workforce’s Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education. This is a major responsibility. With our education system in need of serious reform, it’s important that we create a positive vision for our classrooms and better prepare our children to compete in a global economy.

“As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I intend to keep utilizing my experience as a Marine, including my deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, as we work to shape our nation’s defense policy and ensure our military has the resources it needs. A large part of my focus will remain on combating Improvised Explosive Devices in Afghanistan, as well as strengthening our nation’s shipbuilding capability.

“Also, issues related to the border, water, aviation and roads fall under the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee’s jurisdiction. Given the local interest in each of these areas, this is an excellent opportunity to advance some of San Diego’s priorities and even more directly participate in discussions to improve the quality and safety of our communities.

"The American people are ready and waiting for their elected leaders to address the tough challenges facing the nation. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of these conversations and, along with my many of colleagues, committed to ensuring the government acts within its means."